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Office Action Summary

Application No. 09/998,467	Applicant(s) SATO, KOJI
Examiner Monica Lewis	Art Unit 2822

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 March 2003.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**.
- 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-4 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-4 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 19 September 2002 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: _____

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is in response to the amendment filed March 4, 2003.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-4 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Inaba et al. (Japanese Publication No. JP401008674A) in view of Mizuno (U.S. Patent No. 6,018,189).

In regards to claim 1, Inaba discloses the following:

a) each one said bumps (4) on said surface of said semiconductor chip (1) is provided with a recess in a surface thereof that faces each of said leads (9), the recess being in the shape of an inverted truncated pyramid and comprising guide surfaces that are inclined surfaces and are formed between a bottom of said recess and opening edges of said recess (For Example: See Abstract, Figure 1 and Figure 2).

In regards to claim 1, Inaba fails to disclose the following:

a) leads provided with a projection being formed at one end thereof so as to be bonded to each of the bumps, said projection being formed with guided surfaces that are inclined surfaces.

However, Mizuno discloses a lead with an inclined surface that is bonded to the bump (For Example: See Figure 7). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the semiconductor device of Inaba to include a lead

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with an inclined surface that is bonded to the bump as disclosed in Mizuno because it aids in enhancing reliability of the device (For Example: See Column 2 Lines 49-55).

Additionally, since Inaba and Mizuno are both from the same field of endeavor, the purpose disclosed by Mizuno would have been recognized in the pertinent art of Inaba.

In regards to claim 2, Inaba discloses the following:

a) guide surfaces are formed for an entire periphery of said recess of said each one of said bumps, and said guided surfaces are formed so as to surround a bonding point of said lead (For Example: See Abstract, Figure 1 and Figure 2).

In regards to claims 3 and 4, Inaba fails to disclose the following:

a) a width of an end surface of each of said leads that faces a bump is narrower than a width of said lead.

However, Mizuno discloses that the width of an end surface of each of said leads that faces a bump is narrower than a width of said lead (For Example: See Figure 7). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the semiconductor device of Inaba to include that the width of an end surface of each of said leads that faces a bump is narrower than a width of said lead as disclosed in Mizuno because it aids in enhancing reliability of the device (For Example: See Column 2 Lines 49-55).

Additionally, since Inaba and Mizuno are both from the same field of endeavor, the purpose disclosed by Mizuno would have been recognized in the pertinent art of Inaba.

Conclusion

5. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

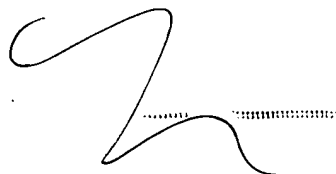
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A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Monica Lewis whose telephone number is 571-272-1838. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Amir Zarabian can be reached on 571-272-1852. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-308-7722 for regular and after final communications. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-0956.

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May 21, 2004



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